

*Anthony W. Ryan, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

*Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel for the Department of the Treasury.

By Ms. SNOWE for the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

*Jovita Carranza, of Illinois, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LUGAR (for himself and Mr. BAYH):

S. 4083. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require reporting of quality measures by hospitals in order to reduce medication errors; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 4084. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 4085. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the rate of the excise tax on certain wooden arrows; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DEWINE:

S. 4086. A bill to improve data collection efforts with respect to the safety of pregnant women and unborn children in motor vehicle crashes, provide for research and development of appropriate countermeasures, educate the public regarding motor vehicle safety risks affecting pregnant women and unborn children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, and Mr. ALLARD):

S. 4087. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide a tax credit to individuals who enter into agreements to protect the habitats of endangered and threatened species, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. 4088. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Alta-Hualapai Site to the city of Las Vegas, Nevada, for the development of a cancer treatment facility; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCAIN:

S. 4089. A bill to modernize and expand the reporting requirements relating to child pornography, to expand cooperation in combating child pornography, to require convicted sex offenders to register online identifiers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4090. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assist-

ance Act to authorize the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reimburse State and local law enforcement agencies for any expenditures or compensation of personnel and use or consumption of materials and facilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 4091. A bill to provide authority for restoration of the Social Security Trust Funds from the effects of a clerical error, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. ALLARD (for himself and Mr. SALAZAR):

S. 4092. A bill to clarify certain land use in Jefferson County, Colorado; considered and passed.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. VITTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BOND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. 4093. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to extend a suspension of limitation on the period for which certain borrowers are eligible for guaranteed assistance; considered and passed.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4094. A bill to extend the period in which States may spend funds from the additional allotments provided to States under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. LANDRIEU:

S. 4095. A bill to extend the period in which the State of Louisiana may spend funds from the additional allotment provided to the State under the Social Services Block Grant program for necessary expenses related to the consequences of Hurricane Katrina and other hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico in 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. VOINOVICH (for himself, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 4096. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to operate and maintain as a system the Chicago sanitary and ship canal dispersal barriers to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species into the Great Lakes, and to determine the feasibility of a dispersal barrier project at the Lake Champlain Canal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. VITTER):

S. 4097. A bill to improve the disaster loan program of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

By Mr. DODD (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 4098. A bill to improve the process for the development of needed pediatric medical devices; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. Res. 624. A resolution to honor the memory of Arnold "Red" Auerbach; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Res. 625. A resolution extending the authority for the Senate National Security Working Group; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to expand and intensify programs with respect to research and related activities concerning elder falls.

S. 1915

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1915, a bill to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes.

S. 2465

At the request of Mrs. BOXER, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2465, a bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide increased assistance for the prevention, treatment, and control of tuberculosis, and for other purposes.

S. 3238

At the request of Mr. CORNYN, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER), the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) and the Senator from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) were added as cosponsors of S. 3238, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

S. 3556

At the request of Mr. DEMINT, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3556, a bill to clarify the rules of origin for certain textile and apparel products.

S. 3677

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3677, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

S. 3744

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Alaska (Mr. STEVENS) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. AKAKA) were added as cosponsors of S. 3744, a bill to establish

the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Program.

S. 3768

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3768, a bill to prohibit the procurement of victim-activated landmines and other weapons that are designed to be victim-activated.

S. 3791

At the request of Mrs. HUTCHISON, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3791, a bill to require the provision of information to parents and adults concerning bacterial meningitis and the availability of a vaccination with respect to such disease.

S. 3813

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3813, a bill to permit individuals who are employees of a grantee that is receiving funds under section 330 of the Public Health Service Act to enroll in health insurance coverage provided under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program.

S. 4011

At the request of Mr. COLEMAN, the name of the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4011, a bill to amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 to restore State authority to waive the application of the 35-mile rule to permit the designation of a critical access hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

S. 4067

At the request of Mr. LEAHY, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4067, a bill to provide for secondary transmissions of distant network signals for private home viewing by certain satellite carriers.

S. 4080

At the request of Mr. STEVENS, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4080, a bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to settlement agreements reached with respect to litigation involving certain secondary transmissions of superstations and network stations.

S. RES. 622

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the names of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 622, a resolution supporting the goals and ideals of a "National Children and Families Day", as established by the National Children's Museum, on the fourth Saturday of June.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 4084. A bill to authorize the implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce—with my cosponsor Senator BOXER—a historic bill that will end 18 years of litigation between the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Friant Water Authority, and the U.S. Department of the Interior. The legislation will enact a settlement that accomplishes the restoration of California's second longest river, the San Joaquin, while maintaining a stable water supply for the farmers who have made the Valley bloom and have supplied low-cost agricultural products to Americans from coast to coast.

The alternative to a consensus resolution to this long-running western water battle basis is to continue the fight. To my knowledge, every farmer and every environmentalist who has considered the possibility of continued litigation believes that an outcome imposed by a judge is likely to be worse for everyone on all counts: more costly, riskier for the farmers, and less beneficial for the environment.

Because the settlement provides a framework that all interests can accept, this legislation has the strong support of the Bush administration, the Schwarzenegger administration, the environmental and fishing communities and numerous California farmers and water districts, including all 22 Friant water districts that have been part of the litigation.

In announcing the signing of this San Joaquin River settlement in September, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior praised it as a "monumental agreement." And when the Federal court then approved the settlement in late October, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne further praised settlement for launching "one of the largest environmental restoration projects in California's history." The Secretary further observed that "This Settlement closes a long chapter of conflict and uncertainty in California's San Joaquin Valley . . . and open[s] a new chapter of environmental restoration and water supply certainty for the farmers and their communities."

I share the Secretary's strong support for this balanced and historic agreement, and it is my honor to join with Senator BOXER and a bipartisan group of California House Members in introducing legislation to approve and authorize this settlement before we end the 109th Congress.

The legislation indicates how the settlement agreement forged by the parties is going to be implemented. It involves the Departments of the Interior and Commerce, and essentially gives the Secretary of the Interior the additional authority to:

take the actions to restore the San Joaquin River; reintroduce the California Central Valley Spring Run Chinook Salmon;

minimize water supply impacts on Friant water districts; and avoid reductions in water supply for third-party water contractors.

One of the major benefits of this settlement is the restoration of a long-lost salmon fishery. The return of one of California's most important salmon runs will create significant benefits for local communities in the San Joaquin Valley, helping to restore a beleaguered fishing industry while improving recreation and quality of life.

The legislation provides for improvements to the San Joaquin River channel to allow salmon restoration to begin in 2014. Beginning in that year, the river would see an annual flow regime mandated by the settlement, with pulses of additional water in the spring and greater flows available in wetter years. There is flexibility to add or subtract up to 10 percent from the annual flows, as the best science dictates.

A visitor to the revitalized river channel in a decade will find an entirely different place providing recreation and relaxation for residents of small towns like Mendota, and a refuge for residents of larger cities like Fresno.

The legislation I am introducing today includes provisions to benefit the farmers of the San Joaquin Valley as well as the salmon: In wet years, Friant contractors can purchase surplus flows at \$10 per acre-foot for use in dry years, far less than the approximately \$35 per acre-foot that they would otherwise pay for this water. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to recirculate new restoration flows from the Delta via the California aqueduct and the Cross-Valley Canal to provide additional supply for Friant.

Today's legislation also includes substantial protections for other water districts in California that were not party to the original settlement negotiations. These other water contractors will be able to avoid all but the smallest water impacts as a result of the settlement, except on a voluntary basis.

In addition, the restoration of flows for over 150 miles below Friant Dam, and reconnecting the upper river to the critical San Joaquin-Sacramento Delta, will be a welcome change for the more than 22 million Californians who rely on that crucial source for their drinking water.

Finally, restoring the San Joaquin as a living salmon river may ultimately help struggling fishing communities on California's north coast—and even into southern Oregon. The restoration of the San Joaquin and the government's commitment to reintroduce and rebuild historic salmon populations provide a rare bright spot for these communities.

In addition to congratulating the parties for making a settlement that will enable the long-sought restoration of the San Joaquin River, I am mindful of and remain committed to progress in implementing and funding the December 19, 2000, Trinity River restoration